

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method ~~to provide a service for a user device with a service provider,~~ comprising:

establishing a service provisioning relationship between ~~the~~ a user device and a bridging user device;

providing a desired service for the user device with ~~the~~ a service provider via the bridging user device;

while providing the service, recording charging data for the service provisioning relationship between the user device and the bridging user device; and

reporting the charging data from the bridging user device to the service provider,

where at least the establishing and the recording use trusted software comprising a certified unit of code running on the user device and on the bridging user device, and where establishing includes at least one message comprising an indication of a requested charging metric is exchanged between the user device and the bridging user device.

2. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 1, where the trusted software is obtained from the service provider.

3. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 1, where the service provisioning relationship between the user device and the bridging user device is established through a first wireless

network comprising a local, short range wireless network, and where the service for the user device is provided via the bridging user device and the first wireless network, and through a second wireless network comprising a longer range wireless network that couples the bridging user device to the service provider.

4. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 3, where the first wireless network comprises a wireless local area network (WLAN), and where the second wireless network comprises a cellular wireless network.

5. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 3, where the first wireless network comprises a Bluetooth network, and where the second wireless network comprises a cellular wireless network.

6. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 1, where establishing includes negotiating the specifics of charging for the service provisioning relationship between the user device and the bridging user device using an offer-counteroffer technique.

7. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 1, where recording charging data uses at least one charging metric that is negotiated between the user device and the bridging user device when establishing the service provisioning relationship.

8. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 3, where recording charging data accounts at least for the use of the second wireless network by the bridging user device.

9. (Original) A method as in claim 1, where recording charging data accounts at least for the consumption of at least one resource of the bridging user device.

10. (Original) A method as in claim 1, where reporting occurs periodically while the service is being provided.

11. (Original) A method as in claim 1, where reporting occurs at a termination of the service being provided.

12. (Original) A method as in claim 1, where the desired service is provided during a session, and where providing the service initially establishes a charging record for the session at the service provider based at least in part on credential information obtained from the user, via the bridging user.

13. (Original) A method as in claim 12, where the credential information comprises an identification of the user device, and information that identifies the user to the service provider as being a client of the service provider.

14. (Original) A method as in claim 13, where at least the information that identifies the user to the service provider is encrypted.

15. (Original) A method as in claim 12, where the charging record for the session is uniquely identified based on a session identifier.

16. - 30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) A mobile device, comprising:

a data processor coupled to a memory; and

an interface to a first network;

said memory storing computer code executable by said data processor to request a service to be provided by a service provider and to establish a service provisioning relationship between said mobile device and another device through said first network, where said another device is bidirectionally coupled to said service provider through a second network, and where said service

is provided for said mobile device by the service provider via said first network, said another device, and said second network, where said computer code comprises trusted software comprising a certified unit of code running on said mobile device and on said another device, and where to establish the service provisioning relationship includes at least one message comprising an indication of a requested charging metric is exchanged between the mobile device and the another device, and where said another device is operable to record charging data related to the service provisioning relationship between said mobile device and said another device, and to report the charging data to said service provider.

32. (Previously Presented) A mobile device as in claim 31, where said computer code that establishes said service provisioning relationship includes computer code for negotiating specifics of charging for said service provisioning relationship between said mobile device and said another device.

33. (Previously Presented) A mobile device as in claim 32, where said specifics of charging comprise use of said second network by said another device.

34. (Original) A mobile device as in claim 32, where said specifics of charging comprise use of at least one resource of said another device.

35. (Currently Amended) A mobile device, comprising:

a data processor coupled to a memory;

an interface to a first network; and

an interface to a second network;

said memory storing computer code executable by said data processor to establish a service provisioning relationship between said mobile device and another device through said first

network, said computer code comprising trusted software comprising a certified unit of code running on said mobile device and on said another device, where to establish the service provisioning relationship includes at least one message comprising an indication of a requested charging metric is exchanged between the mobile device and the another device, where said mobile device can be bidirectionally coupled to a service provider through said second network, and where said service is provided for said another device by the service provider via said first network, said mobile device and said second network, and where said computer code executable by said data processor further is operable to record charging data for the service provisioning relationship between said mobile device and said another device, and to report the charging data to said service provider via said second network.

36. (Previously Presented) A mobile device as in claim 35, where said computer code that establishes said service provisioning relationship includes computer code for negotiating specifics of charging for said service provisioning relationship between said mobile device and said another device.

37. (Previously Presented) A mobile device as in claim 36, where said specifics of charging comprise use of said second network by said mobile device.

38. (Original) A mobile device as in claim 36, where said specifics of charging comprise use of at least one resource of said mobile device.

39. (Original) A mobile device as in claim 35, where said mobile device reports the charging data periodically while the service is being provided.

40. (Original) A mobile device as in claim 35, where said mobile device reports the charging data at a termination of said service being provided.

41. (Currently Amended) A mobile terminal comprising a data processor coupled to an interface to a first network, said data processor operating to request a service to be provided by a service

provider and to establish a service provisioning relationship between said mobile terminal and a device through said first network, where said device is bidirectionally coupled to said service provider through another network, and where said service is provided for said mobile terminal by the service provider via said first network, said device and said another network, where said data processor operates under control of trusted software comprising a certified unit of code stored in said mobile terminal and in said device, where to establish the service provisioning relationship includes at least one message comprising an indication of a requested charging metric is exchanged between the mobile terminal and the device, and where said device is operable to record charging data related to the service provisioning relationship between said mobile terminal and said device, and to report the charging data to said service provider.

42. (Previously Presented) A mobile terminal as in claim 41, where said data processor is further operable to negotiate charging for said service provisioning relationship between said mobile terminal and said device.

43. (Currently Amended) A mobile terminal comprising a data processor coupled to an interface to a first network and to an interface to a second network, said data processor operable to establish a service provisioning relationship between said mobile terminal and a device through said first network, where said mobile terminal can be bidirectionally coupled to said service provider through said second network, where said data processor is further operable to exchange at least one message comprising an indication of a requested charging metric between the mobile terminal and the device to establish the service provisioning relationship, and where said service is provided for said device by a service provider via said first network, said mobile terminal and said second network, and where said data processor is further operable to record charging data for the service provisioning relationship between said mobile terminal and said device, and to report the charging data to said service provider over said second network, where said data processor operates under control of trusted software comprising a certified unit of code stored in said mobile terminal and in said device.

44. (Previously Presented) A mobile terminal as in claim 43, where said data processor is

further operable to negotiate charging for said service provisioning relationship between said mobile terminal and said device.

45. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodied on a memory and executable by a processor to perform operations on a bridging user device comprising:

establishing a service provisioning relationship with a user device;

providing a desired service for the user device with a service provider;

while providing the service, recording charging data for the service provisioning relationship; and

reporting the charging data to the service provider,

where at least the establishing and the recording use trusted software comprising a certified unit of code running on the user device and on the bridging user device, and where establishing includes at least one message comprising an indication of a requested charging metric is exchanged between the user device and the bridging user device.

46. (Previously Presented) The computer program of claim 45, where establishing includes negotiating the specifics of charging for the service provisioning relationship with the user device using an offer-counteroffer technique.

47. (Previously Presented) The computer program of claim 45, where recording charging data uses at least one charging metric that is negotiated with the user device when establishing the service provisioning relationship.

48. (New) The method of claim 1, where the at least one message exchanged between the user device and the bridging user device further comprises a determination of a usage cost for the requested charging metric.

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49. (New) The computer program of claim 45, where the at least one message exchanged between the user device and the bridging user device further comprises a determination of a usage cost for the requested charging metric.